## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 22-cr-20188-03 Hon. Matthew F. Leitman

v.

D3, MIRNA KAMAL FAYAD,

Defendant.

## ORDER DENYING EMERGENCY THIRD MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO TRAVEL (ECF No. 85)

Now before the Court is Defendant Mirna Kamal Fayad's emergency third motion for permission to travel to visit family in Lebanon. (*See* Mot., ECF No. 85.) This case was recently reassigned to this Court on June 15, 2022. (*See* Order of Reassignment, ECF No. 84.) The previously-assigned District Judge denied Fayad's two prior motions for permission to travel to Lebanon.

Fayad filed the instant motion on June 20, 2022. Having been assigned to this case for one week and having had no contact with the attorneys or parties, the Court does not yet have enough familiarity with the issues in the case, or with Fayad personally, to determine, on an emergency basis, whether the requested permission to travel is warranted here. Moreover, the Court is not in a position at this time to hold a full adversarial hearing on Fayad's request to travel – including sworn witness testimony as necessary and appropriate – before Fayad's proposed travel date (June

26, 2022). Under these circumstances, the Court is not inclined, on an emergency

basis, to depart from the prior Judge's rulings on Fayad's earlier motions.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the Court will **DENY WITHOUT PREJUDICE** Fayad's motion (ECF No. 85). Because the Court's denial is without prejudice, it does not preclude Fayad from filing future motions, on a non-emergency basis, for permission to travel. If Fayad files such a motion in the future, the Court will have an opportunity, on a non-emergency basis, to hold a full adversarial hearing, with argument and, as necessary and appropriate, documentary evidence, testimony, and cross-

examination. This will enable the Court to decide any such motions with a better

understanding of the case and on a time frame that allows for full and careful

consideration of the issue presented and of both sides' positions.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Matthew F. Leitman
MATTHEW F. LEITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Dated: June 22, 2022

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon the parties and/or counsel of record on June 22, 2022, by electronic means and/or ordinary mail.

s/Holly A. Ryan
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<sup>1</sup> The Court understands Fayad's position that her current motion presents different circumstances than her two prior motions.